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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Substitute drawings are submitted herewith to overcome the objections regarding line weight and text size. However, please note that the drawings in this application represent various stages of image processing. Some of these images do not represent text or objects that are typically recognizable to a human viewer. A human viewer will recognize that specific regions or content have been identified, but the actual content may not be recognizable without reference to other drawings. It should be noted that the content of the text in Figures 2(a) - 2(d), 3(b) - 3(c), 4(a), 5(a) - 5(d), 6(a) - 6(b) is not significant to the application, but is merely representative of a content type and the actual meaning of the words and phrases is not relevant. Regardless, these drawings have been enlarged to more clearly show their text and other detail. The specific features of the image content of Figure 8 are also not significant to the application. Figure 8 is merely representative of a generic image with a background area wherein a bounding box location is adjusted. The details of the image content are not relevant.

Accordingly, applicant submits that the amended drawings are now in conformance with Patent Office requirements and urges the Initial Patent Examination Division to forward the application for prosecution.

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